(d) to what extent the setting up of film city is helpful for the film industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Films and Television Institute of India, which is an autonomous society, has acquired 14.94 hectares of adjacent land at Pune for its future expansion. Government have not allocated any funds to the Institute for setting up of any "film city'.

(d) Undoubtedly, a film city at Film and Television Institute of India, Pune will be useful to the film industry as the facilities and talents available there can be shared by the industry.

**Pay Channel for Feature Films**

3777. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Doordarshan propose to start a pay channel for feature films which will be made available to subscribers or cable operators on payment; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO): (a) and (b) The feasibility of starting a pay channel is being examined.

**Time Allotted for Punjabi Programmes on AIR /DD**

3778. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the time allocated for Punjabi programmes on T.V. and Radio in Punjab; and

(b) the details of time allocated for other programmes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO):

(a) and (b) The details are as under:—

(in hours per week)

| | Punjabi programmes | Programmes in other language |
|---|---|---|
| (i) | Doordarshan Kendra, Jallandhar | 17 hours 2 hours 49 minutes |
| (ii) | DD-12 Satellite channel service | 24 hours 30 minutes — |
| (iii) | All India Radio, Jallandhar | 50 hours 7 minutes 4 hours 15 minutes |
| (iv) | All India Radio, Jallandhar (FM channel service) | 63 hours — |
| (v) | All India Radio, Bhatinda | 43 hours 45 minutes — |
| (vi) | All India Radio, Patiala | 42 hours — |

**Power Shortage in Assam**

3779. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of crippling power shortage in various towns of Assam particularly Dibrugarh and its suburbs causing serious disruptions in all spheres;

(b) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item appearing in The Times of India of 18th June, 1994 under the caption "Vast power potential in N-E lies untapped" if so, what is the Government's reaction thereto;

(c) the names of Central Government enterprises generating power in various North-Eastern States, State-wise with the details of quantum of power generated by each such enterprise during last three years, year-wise; and

(d) whether Government have any plan to set up new thermal power plants/projects in Assam; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) During the period April '94,—July '94,the energy shortage in Assam was 6.8% as against the North-Eastern Region shortage of 6.5% and an all India deficit of 7.9%.

(b) The Central Electricity Authority has assessed the total hydro-based electricity potential in the North-Eastern Region at 31857 MW at 60% load factor so far projects with an installed capacity of 460 MW have been set up, projects having a capacity of 752 MW are under implementation, and schemes aggregating 1080 MW have already been cleared by CEA. Regarding exploitation of natural gas resources for power generation, gas allocations have been agreed for 14 power projects in the North-Eastern Region.

(c) The details of power generation by Central Government enterprises during last three years are given below:—

| Station/State (MW) | Agency | Energy Generation (MU) 1991-92 | 1992-93 | 1993-94 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Loktak (3×35 = 105 MW) (Manipur) | NHPC | 544 | 545 | 616 |
| Khandong (2×25 = 50 MW) (Assam) | | 239 | 251 | 253 |
| Kopili (2×50 = 100 MW) (Assam) | NEEPCO | 584 | 607 | 651 |

(d) The following sanctioned thermal power projects are under execution in the State of Assam:—

| S.No. | Name of Project | Capacity(MW) | Commissioning Schedule as now expected (Month/Year) |
|---|---|---|---|
| *Central Sector* | | | |
| 1. | Kathalguri CCGT | | |
| | **Gas Turbines:** | | |
| | Unit 1 | 33.5 | 2/95 |
| | Unit 2 | 33.5 | 3/95 |
| | Unit 3 | 33.5 | 4/95 |
| | Unit 4 | 33.5 | 5/95 |
| | Unit 5 | 33.5 | 6/95 |
| | Unit 6 | 33.5 | 7/95 |
| | **Steam Turbine:** | | |
| | Unit 1 | 30 | 11/95 |
| | Unit 2 | 30 | 1/96 |
| | Unit 3 | 30 | 3/96 |
| *State Sector:* | | | |
| 1. | Lakwa Gas Turbine | | |
| | Unit 7 | 20 | 12/94 |
| 2. | Gas based CCGT at Amguri | | |
| | GT 1 to 8 | 8 × 30 | As order for main equipment is yet to be plant & placed, commissioning schedule cannot be anticipated. |
| | ST 1 to 4 | 4 × 30 | |